



Summer of 2015

# SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST

in Central California

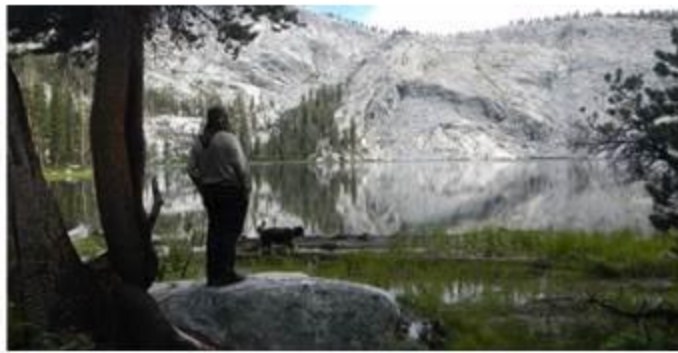
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## WILDERNESS RANGER INTERN

May 26, 2015 Thru August 22, 2015

**The Sierra National Forest is seeking wilderness ranger interns to carry on the passion and enthusiasm for protecting and preserving our Wilderness areas. Come spend the summer working and learning in the *spectacular, awe-inspiring High Sierras*.. Interested?**  
**Please read on to find out more about how this could become**  
***your summer experience of a lifetime!***

"the richest values of wilderness lie not in the days of Daniel Boone, nor even in the present, but rather in the future" — Leopold



### ***Job Location***

The **Sierra National Forest** is located in central California, on the west side of the Sierra Nevada mountain range, and borders both Yosemite and Kings Canyon National Parks. The forest contains approximately 578,505 acres of congressionally designated wilderness all within five wilderness areas. These wilderness areas include the John Muir Wilderness, Ansel Adams Wilderness, Dinkey Lakes Wilderness, Kaiser Wilderness and Monarch Wilderness. Elevations of these wilderness areas range from approximately 3,300 feet on the San Joaquin River in the Ansel Adams Wilderness to 13,986 feet at the summit of Mount Humphreys in the John Muir Wilderness, with the vast majority of designated wilderness land lying above 7,000 feet. This spectacular landscape is a mix of steep chaparral covered canyon slopes, mixed conifer forest, granite peaks and valleys, alpine lakes, and alpine meadows.

The Sierra National Forest is divided into two ranger districts with district offices located in Prather, California (High Sierra Ranger District) and in North Fork, California (Bass Lake Ranger District). There are five work centers (the High Sierra Work Center, the Glen Meadow Work Center, the Wishon Work Center, the Clover Meadow Work Center and the Minarets Work Center) that serve as base stations for wilderness rangers. Housing will be provided for interns at one of the five work centers. All five work centers are remotely located. Several stores provide camping-related supplies and food near Florence Lake, Lake Edison, Mono Hot Springs, Wishon Reservoir and Clover Meadow. The towns of Prather and North Fork, where grocery stores are available, are each approximately 2 hours from the work centers. Interns will have work responsibilities in Prather or North Fork at least once every two weeks, which will allow regular access to a grocery store, drug store and post office, among other services. The city of Fresno is located approximately 2.5 hours from each work center and provides a full range of commercial and emergency services.





## Responsibilities

The wilderness ranger intern:

- Backpacks into wilderness areas for up to 9 days at a time, carrying a backpack of 50 pounds or more, including tools associated with



wilderness ranger duties.

- Plans and coordinates the logistics required for completion of wilderness projects with coworkers
- Organizes and establishes minimum impact base camps
- Inventories, collects data, and performs maintenance, site cleanup or naturalization at campsites in wilderness areas.



- Clears trail and performs trail maintenance to trail standards, and may collect data for trail log, condition, and prescription surveys
- Patrols wilderness to ensure that areas are used and maintained in accordance with wilderness management plans
- Interacts with the public providing education and information, and to determines compliance with regulations or specifications. May provide historical and cultural information about wilderness areas to visitors and recreational user groups; explains rules and regulations.
- Collects evidence and provides documentation for cases of misuse of wilderness areas
- Inventories and installs signs in wilderness areas in accordance with management plans
- Processes and organizes collected data according to specified data management protocols.
- Will be an integral part of the forest's Wilderness Crew where teamwork is crucial.
- Will work hard, sweat a lot, hike many miles, overcome challenges, learn new skills, create new friendships, meet many people, embrace spectacular beauty, and have fun --as a steward for wilderness



### ***Effective Dates***

The position will be **May 26, 2015** through **Aug 22, 2015** or until school begins again in the fall. Flexibility with ending dates is possible to work around school schedules. Internships can be extended until Sept 30, 2015.



### ***Position Summary***

The wilderness ranger intern/volunteer will be an integral member of the wilderness team working in the Sierra National Forest's spectacular wilderness areas. The intern will be expected to take on most or all of the duties of a full-time wilderness ranger. The intern will primarily be working with a full-time wilderness ranger, but may be required to work alone or with volunteer groups from time to time.

### ***Training***

The wilderness ranger intern/volunteer will be provided with required training to perform duties as a wilderness ranger.

- Crosscut saw certification
- Campsite inventory and rehabilitation
- Trail maintenance
- Public contacts methods
- First aid & CPR
- LNT (leave no trace)
- Documentation-data collection using a GPS, digital camera, and data processing
- Radio communication
- Opportunity to train with



- Stock (horses & mules) safety.

Ranger/intern may be required to work with or around stock (horses or mules), or may encounter stock users during the summer. Ranger/interns will be taught the basics of riding and handling stock, and will be taught some LNT techniques for wilderness use when contacting stock users in the wilderness.



Outward Bound California



Four interns who are able to start May 16<sup>th</sup> will be included in a five-day training led by Outward Bound California. The training will introduce interns to the wilderness expeditions led by OBCA in the area throughout the summer. Interns will learn wilderness travel skills, Leave No Trace principles, camp craft and Outward Bound philosophy from two veteran instructors. The event will take place in the Dinkey Lakes Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest May 16-20. Interns should be prepared for late winter conditions requiring snow travel and high creek crossings.



## Qualifications

### The wilderness ranger intern:

- Must be able to backpack for multiple tours, with each tour having the potential to last up to 9 days. Tours will generally be 9 days on and 5 days off, but are subject to varying lengths.
- Should be experienced in back packing and wilderness travel.
- The ranger should expect to carry a 50+ pound backpack and tools associated with wilderness ranger duties.
- Must become familiar with the Wilderness Act, wilderness ethics, and Leave No Trace principles.
- Must have good communication skills, to interact with wilderness visitors and wilderness staff.
- Should be familiar with basic computer applications. Additional computer experience with ArcGIS, Microsoft Excel and photo editing software is desirable but not required.
- Should be able to commit to beginning work on **May 26, 2015**, and working through **August 22, 2015**.
- Internships can be extended until September 30, 2015. Flexibility with ending dates is possible, to work around school schedules.
- Will be an integral part of the forest's Wilderness Crew



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## Compensation

While **no salary** is provided for this Internship, housing, subsistence, and all work-related vehicle travel, will be provided. Monetary compensation will be at the Forest Service subsistence rate of \$35 per day. Interns should expect to work *at least* 9 days every two weeks, and therefore earn *at least* \$315 every two weeks. Housing will be provided at one of the work centers: the High Sierra Work Center, the Wishon Work Center, the Glen Meadow Work Center, the Clover Meadow Work Center or the Minarets Work Center. All five sites are located in the spectacular high Sierra, and afford a wonderful setting in which to spend a summer. All five locations are equipped with living quarters, showers, bathrooms, laundry facilities, and kitchens.

## Transportation

Government vehicles will be provided for all work-related activities. If personal vehicles are authorized and used for any work-related activities, compensation will be at the current volunteer reimbursement rate. For interns who do not have a personal vehicle available, transportation can be arranged through the Forest Service for pick-up in Fresno (airport, train depot, bus depot, etc.) at the beginning of the internship and drop-off in Fresno at the end of the internship. Regular work-related trips to Prather or North Fork will provide interns with an opportunity to take advantage of services available in Prather and North Fork (grocery store, post office, pharmacy, restaurants, etc.).

### ***Equipment***

Forest Service will provide all work-related tools, personal protective gear and some specialized equipment for backpacking such as bear canisters, water filters, and stoves. Rangers/interns may choose to use Forest Service equipment from a limited selection, but are encouraged to provide their own tent, sleeping bag, daypack and backpack. Ranger/interns are required to supply their own hiking boots which must at least cover the ankle bones.

### ***Academic Credit***

The Sierra National Forest will work with the intern, colleges or universities to provide all necessary coordination, documentation and evaluation for credit toward an internship.

### ***Application***

Submit a **Resume** (see below) and **Cover letter** no later than **March 8, 2015** to:

Digital: [mdidier@fs.fed.us](mailto:mdidier@fs.fed.us)

OR Hardcopy: USDA Forest Service  
Sierra National Forest, High Sierra Ranger District  
29688 Auberry Road, P O. Box 559  
Prather, CA 93651  
ATTN: Micki Didier, Lead Wilderness Ranger

Resumes need not be limited to one or two pages. **Resumes should include:**

- Cover letter including why applicant is interested in this position
- Contact information (phone number, email address, mailing address)
- Education
- Work history, including description of work accomplished and supervisor contact information
- Wilderness ranger-related skills
- Other skills, Trainings, Certifications, and any performance awards (include expiration dates)
- Wilderness travel experience, including # of people, trip locations and dates/# nights

For additional questions or information, please contact Micki Didier at 559.855.5355 x3304 or e-mail at [mdidier@fs.fed.us](mailto:mdidier@fs.fed.us).

For more information on the John Muir, Ansel Adams, Dinkey Lakes, Kaiser and Monarch Wilderness Areas, you can visit

<http://www.sierranevadawild.gov> or <http://www.wilderness.net>.